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World Conference on Human Rights

The Commission on Human Rights,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 48/121 of 20 December 1993 entitled "World Conference on Human Rights", in which the Assembly endorsed the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action adopted on 25 June 1993 by the World Conference on Human Rights,

Recalling also the view of the World Conference that the promotion and protection of human rights is a matter of priority for the international community,

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* In accordance with rule 69, paragraph 3, of the rules of procedure of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council.

Convinced that the World Conference, by the adoption of the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, made an important contribution to the promotion and protection of human rights,

Convinced also that all results of the World Conference have to be translated into effective action by States, the competent organs of the United Nations and its family of organizations, and other organizations concerned,

Recognizing the contribution of non-governmental organizations in this respect,

Bearing in mind the recommendation of the World Conference that the Commission on Human Rights, the General Assembly and other organs and agencies of the United Nations system related to human rights consider ways and means for the full implementation, without delay, of all recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action,

Bearing in mind also the recommendation of the World Conference that the Commission should review annually progress towards this end,

1. Appreciates the important contribution of the World Conference on Human Rights, convened at Vienna from 14 to 25 June 1993, to the universal promotion and protection of human rights,

2. Welcomes the reaffirmation by the World Conference of the importance of the promotion of universal respect for, and observance and protection of, all human rights and fundamental freedoms in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations;

3. Reaffirms the views of the World Conference on the urgency of eliminating denials and violations of human rights;

4. Recognizes the importance of continued dialogue and cooperation between Governments and non-governmental organizations and the role the Commission has to play in continuing to provide a forum for such dialogue;

5. Calls upon all special representatives, special rapporteurs, independent experts and thematic working groups of the Commission on Human Rights to take fully into account the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action within their respective mandates;

6. Requests all special representatives, special rapporteurs, independent experts and thematic working groups of the Commission to include in their reports, where appropriate, a section on the implementation of the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

7. Requests the Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities to take fully into account the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action within its mandate and to include in its report the measures undertaken within its mandate to implement these recommendations;

8. Decides to review annually the progress towards the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, taking into account, inter alia, work undertaken in this respect by the General Assembly and its subsidiary bodies;

9. Requests the High Commissioner for Human Rights to include in his annual report to the Commission a section on the progress towards the full implementation of the recommendations contained in the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

10. Decides to consider this question at its fifty-first session under the appropriate agenda item.